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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: "DISAPPEARED" CHILEAN EXTREMISTS

REF: SANTIAGO 5483

1. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE EMBASSY'S CONTINUED REPORTING ON THIS MATTER AND THE CANDID ASSESSMENT OF THE GOC'S PROBABLE ROLE IN THIS AFFAIR. THIS IS A RATHER DIFFICULT SUBJECT WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS DEALT WITH OBJECTIVELY AND IN A BALANCED MANNER.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS ON WHICH WE INVITE YOUR CONFIRMATION OR ELABORATION. FROM YOUR CABLES WE CONCLUDE: 1) THREE BODIES RECENTLY FOUND IN ARGENTINA WERE ACCOMPANIED BY IDENTIFICATION PAPERS ALLEGING THEY BELONGED TO GUENDELMAN, ROBOSTAN AND PERELMAN; 2) OF THESE THREE, ONLY GUENDELMAN'S NAME DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR IN THE TWO FOREIGN NEWS ACCOUNTS REGARDING CHILEAN EXTREMISTS; 3) THE ICRC
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DOES NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE AGAIN WITH THE GOC ITS LIST OF

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MISSING CHILEANS DESPITE THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS; 4) WHILE
THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CONFIRMED PRESS ACCOUNTS
OF SUPPOSED ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN CHILEAN EXTREMISTS AND
SECURITY FORCES, NEITHER HAS IT DENIED SUCH STORIES; AND
5) IN THE CASE OF LUIS ALBERTO GUENDELMAN, BASED ON AN

EMBASSY REPORT (SANTIAGO 6860, NOV 1974) WE INFORMED HIS
BROTHER IN CALIFORNIA AND VARIOUS SENATORS THAT LUIS
ALBERTO WAS BEING HELD IN LOS ALAMOS DETENTION CENTER AND
WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. HOWEVER, IN A NOTE OF JULY 18 FONMIN
ASSERTS GUENDELMAN IS NOT RECORDED AS EVER HAVING BEEN
DETAINED. IT ALSO POINTS TO THE LEA STORY AS EXPLAINING
DISAPPEARANCE. (THE BLUNT TONE OF THE NOTE, NO DOUBT,
WAS BEFORE MINISTRY HAD TIME TO REFLECT ON THE MATTER.)
ACCORDINGLY, DEPT IS ON RECORD THAT WE LEARNED INFORMALLY
FROM A GOC SOURCE THAT LUIS ALBERTO WAS UNDER DETENTION
AND WAS DESCRIBED AS IN GOOD HEALTH. THIS RAISES THE
QUESTION IN OUR FURTHER PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE ON GUENDEL-
MAN AS TO WHAT SATISFACTION THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IN
FOLLOWING UP THIS ISSUE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. KISSINGER

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